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MEMORANDUM FOR

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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
THE HONORABLE DAVID PACKARD,
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
GENERAL EARLE G. WHEELER,
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GENERAL ROBERT E. CUSHMAN, JR.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE

Attached for your comment is a redraft of the Directive on
reducing personnel abroad.

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Henry A. Kissinger

Attachment

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NSS/NSC Review Completed.

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DIRECTIVE

The President has ordered a ten per cent reduction in certain civilian and military American personnel overseas -- all those directly hired by and under employment contract to the U. S. Government. A separate directive encompassing the same general principle will be issued for the intelligence community. In general, the reductions should be on a country-by-country basis. The reduction should be implemented with sufficient flexibility to take account of national security priorities and special local problems, without prejudice to the overall objective of 10 per cent.

The reduction should be based on the assumption that BALPA cuts have been completed, and that earlier programs of reduction which have been approved have also been carried out.

These reductions do not apply to U. S. military forces committed to NATO or in Berlin, to forces stationed in Korea or in Vietnam, or to units stationed elsewhere in Southeast Asia that are directly engaged in related military operations. The exception in these areas does not, however, apply to U. S. direct-hire civilian personnel working with our military commands there.

Peace Corps Volunteers, but not administrative personnel, are also exempted.

The reductions should commence as soon as possible, and must be completed during FY 1970.

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The President has directed the Under Secretaries Committee to carry out this directive and to report its plans to him as soon as possible. It should report by September 30 the exact measures taken, with quarterly reports thereafter.

The Committee should also consider means of reducing the number of foreign personnel hired locally by U. S. agencies abroad. Special study also should be given to means of reducing U. S. contract personnel whose contracts are not directly with the U. S. Government.

Attention should be given to the political problems raised by cuts in U. S. personnel in Thailand.

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